

## A Dwarf's Wedding.

In the year 1712, Peter, the Great, Emperor of Russia, celebrated a marriage of dwarfs at St. Petersburg, which was attended with great parade. On a certain day, which he ordered to be proclaimed several months before, he invited all the whole body of his courtiers and all the foreign ambassadors to be present at the marriage of a pigmy and a woman. The preparations for this wedding were not very grand, but executed in a style of hazardous and painful ridicule. Peter ordered that all the dwarf men and women within two hundred miles should repair to the capital, and also insisted that they should be present at the ceremony. For this purpose he supplied them with proper vehicles, but so contrived that no horse was seen outside the gates of the city. They all came, except one, while the rest followed, dragging and laughing behind. Some of them were so ill at ease as to obey an order which they knew well calculated to turn them into ridicule, and did not come; but having blue ribbons to obey, and as punishment, entreated that they should wait on the rest at dinner. The whole company of dwarfs amounted to about seventy, besides the bride and bridegroom, who were richly adorned in the extremity of the fashion. For this little party, miniature everything suitable was provided; a low table, small plates, little glasses, and in short, everything was so small, etc.

Things had been dwelted to their own standard. It was the emperor's pleasure to see their gravity and propriety, the contention of the women for places and the men for superiority. The prince attempted to adjust by ordering that the most diminutive should take the lead; but this bred disputes, for none would then consent to sit foremost. At last, however, being at last settled, dinner followed the dinner, and the table was opened with a minute by the bridegroom whose height was exactly three feet two inches. At 11 o'clock, dinner was so confined that this little company, who met togeher in gloomy anguish, and with an unwillingness to be pleased, being at last familiarized to laughter, entered into the diversion and became extremely interested and entertaining.

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